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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

"A Tradition Of Service"

DATE: July 21, 2011

FILE: SH2254709 FO2276311

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM:

JOSEPH S. HARTSHÖRNE, COMMANDER

ØFFICE OF THE UNDERSHERIFF

TO:

JOSEPH M. GOODEN, CAPTAIN

INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISPOSITION: SUBJECT:

SERGEANT RICHARD CONTI #

DEPUTY DAVID VASQUEZ #

DEPUTY SPENCER REEDY #

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

On November 5, 2009, San Dimas Sheriff's Station deputies were alerted to a stolen car. The deputies parked about 400 yards away and watched the car. They saw Suspect Rahman drive the stolen car northbound on Virginia Avenue. They proceeded to initiate a Code-9 of the car while coordinating with San Dimas units. The car pulled into a convenience store parking lot and the deputies initiated a traffic stop. Suspect Rahman began to take evasive action and the deputies initiated a pursuit. The pursuit lasted twenty-five seconds. Suspect Rahman failed to negotiate a left turn at the corner of Orkney Street and Leaf Avenue. The deputies saw Suspect Rahman run from the car carrying a white bag in a northeast direction and disappear into the yards on the north side of Orkney Street. They pursued the suspect on foot for about five seconds.

The deputies coordinated a containment of the area with units from San Dimas Station, Aero Bureau, and Azusa Police Department. The Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) K-9 Detail was requested. Inside the car they found police body armor and an entry vest.

Deputies Spencer Reedy, David Vasquez, Romero Ingreso, Richard Conti, John Davoren, and Sergeant Eric Lee from SEB K-9 Detail arrived at the command post and were briefed by San Dimas Station personnel. Prior to deployment, they developed a tactical plan to search the area utilizing a "pinching" method. Sergeant Lee, Deputies Reedy, and Davoren with his dog "Djengis" comprised one search team. They searched from the east end of the containment to the west. Deputy Conti with his dog "Remco" and Deputies Vasquez and Ingreso made up the other team. They searched from the west end of the containment to east.

After K-9 announcements were made in English and Spanish utilizing the public address system in a radio car, the teams deployed. Each team systematically cleared each yard to be searched as they work toward each other. They maintained radio communication with each other and with the aero unit over head to avoid a crossfire.

Deputy Conti's team arrived at the last house (Continued or Continued or Continued

Deputy Conti's team made contact with the residents to verify that there were no people or pets in the yard. At the east gate of the yard, Deputy Conti made additional verbal K-9 announcements. Deputy Reedy joined Deputy Conti's search team at this location. They worked their way from east to west in the back yard. Remco was searching the west side yard of the location, when the deputies heard screaming from that area. Deputy Conti saw Remco biting Suspect Rahman. Suspect Rahman was standing and was punching Remco. Deputy Conti approached using his flashlight to illuminate Suspect Rahman while giving him verbal commands to stop punching the dog and to stop struggling. Deputies Vasquez and Reedy followed, while Deputy Ingreso maintained a cover position at the corner of the house.

Deputy Conti could see that he did not have any weapons in his hands. Deputy Conti pushed Suspect Rahman to the ground and pulled his dog off the bite. Deputy Vasquez ordered him over to his stomach so he could handcuff him. Suspect Rahman proceeded to get on his hands and knees. Deputy Vasquez ordered him again to get onto his stomach, but Suspect Rahman failed to comply. Deputy Vasquez applied pressure to Suspect Rahman's back to force him to the ground. However, Suspect Rahman maintained his position.

Suspect Rahman attempted to flee by quickly crawling away. Suspect Rahman began kicking out the wooden slats to the perimeter fence. Deputy Conti reengaged his dog on Suspect Rahman to prevent him from fleeing the yard. Deputy Ingreso believed Suspect Rahman was going to escape the backyard, so began to run around to the front yard to apprehend Suspect Rahman.

Deputies Reedy and Vasquez were able to get Suspect Rahman off the fence and onto the ground. They continued to struggle to get control of Suspect Rahman's hands; however, he was slippery due to blood from the earlier dog bite. Deputy Vasquez felt tugging at his MP-5 submachine gun, which was hanging from his left side on a sling. He saw the barrel of the weapon coming up and could see Suspect Rahman had a hand on the gun and was manipulating either the trigger or safety of the weapon. Deputy Vasquez grabbed Suspect Rahman's hand and the fore-grip of the weapon. He rammed the barrel of the gun into the ground.

Deputy Vasquez yelled that Suspect Rahman had his gun. At the same time, Deputy Conti was drawing his weapon and trying to gain control of his dog, while Deputy Reedy was moving to the right of Deputy Conti preparing to shoot the suspect. Before Deputy Reedy made contact with Suspect Rahman, Suspect Rahman was able to fire four rounds from Deputy Vasquez' MP-5.

Deputy Reedy in fear for his life and the lives of the other deputies, fired eight rounds from his Beretta semi-automatic handgun into the upper torso of Suspect Rahman. He was subsequently pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics from the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

On July 14, 2011, the Executive Force Review Committee convened and conducted a review regarding the facts of this case. The applicable policies that were evaluated by the committee were: MPP §§ 3-01/025.00, Use of Force; 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force; 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force; and 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards.

Concerning:

MPP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, MPP § 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force, and MPP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Sergeant Richard Conti, Deputy David Vasquez, and Deputy Spencer Reedy was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MPP § 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, the Committee determined that the tactics employed by all personnel in this incident were within Department Policy.

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT:

ON-DUTY, HIT SHOOTING

SIGNIFICANT USE OF FORCE, K-9 BITE, TAKEDOWN

IAB FILE NUMBERS:

SH2254709 / FO2276311

URN#:

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DATE / TIME:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2009, 2028 HOURS

LOCATION:

ORKNEY STREET AZUSA

INVOLVED DEPUTY:

DEPUTY SPENCER REEDY #

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

DEPUTY DAVID VASQUEZ#

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

DEPUTY RICHARD CONTI #

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

SUSPECT:

DALTON EDWARD RAHMAN MW/18

(DECEASED)

Opening Statement

On Thursday, November 5, 2009, Internal Affairs Investigators Sergeant Victor Allen, Sergeant David Flores and Sergeant Ben Garcia responded to the County area of Azusa regarding an on-duty hit shooting which resulted in the death of Suspect Dalton Rahman. The Office of Independent Review was notified and Chief Attorney Michael Gennaco responded to the scene.

<u>Synopsis</u>

On November 5, 2009, San Dimas Sheriff's Station Deputies John Knight # and George Meeley # Unit 86A, were alerted to a stolen car by their Automated License Plate Reader (ALRP). The car, a 1999 Ford Contour, was parked unoccupied in front of Deputy Meeley confirmed the car was

reported stolen to LAPD North Hollywood Station on 10-25-09 by running the VIN.

Deputies Knight and Meeley parked about 400 yards away and watched the car. Approximately 30 minutes later, they saw a male White or light complected Hispanic, who was later identified as Suspect Rahman, driving the stolen car northbound on Virginia Avenue. They proceeded to initiate a Code-9 of the car while coordinating with San Dimas units. The car pulled into a convenience store parking lot and Deputies Knight and Meeley initiated a traffic stop. Suspect Rahman began to take evasive action and Deputies Knight and Meeley initiated a pursuit. The pursuit lasted twenty-five seconds. It concluded when Suspect Rahman failed to negotiate a left turn at the corner of Orkney Street and Leaf Avenue. Deputies Knight and Meeley saw Suspect Rahman run from the car carrying a white bag in a northeast direction and disappear into the yards on the north side of Orkney Street. They pursued the suspect on foot for about five seconds.

IAB NOTE: The vehicle and foot pursuits were reviewed and evaluated by San Dimas Station. Refer to the pursuit evaluation forms [Exhibit A] for further. The time span from the end of the Foot pursuit until the shooting by Deputy Reedy was just over two hours.

Deputies Knight and Meeley coordinated a containment of the area with units from San Dimas Station, Aero Bureau and Azusa Police Department. The Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) K-9 detail was requested. Inside the car they found police body armor and an entry vest. For further refer to Deputy Knight's supplemental report on page 47 of [Exhibit B].

IAB NOTE: The body armor was reported stolen to the Orange County Sheriff's Department on November 5, 2010 by Anaheim Police Officer Refer to Orange County Sheriff's police report under file number 09-208507 [Exhibit G].

Deputies Spencer Reedy, David Vasquez, Romero Ingreso, Richard Conti, John Davoren, and Sergeant Eric Lee from SEB K-9 detail arrived at the command post and were briefed by San Dimas Station personnel. Prior to deployment, they developed a tactical plan to search the area utilizing a "pinching" method. This method entailed two teams searching from opposite ends of the block working toward each other. Sergeant Lee, Deputies Reedy and Davoren with his dog "Djengis" comprised one search team. They searched from the east end of the containment to the west. Deputy Conti with his dog "Remco" and Deputies Vasquez and Ingreso made up the other team. They searched from the west end of the containment to east.

After K-9 announcements were made in English and Spanish utilizing the public address system in a radio car, the teams deployed. Each team systematically cleared each yard to be searched as they work toward each other. They maintained radio

communication with each other and with the aero unit over head to avoid a cross fire.

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Prior to entering the last yard, Deputy Conti's team made contact with the residents to verify that there were no people or pets in the yard. At the east gate of the yard, Deputy Conti made additional verbal K-9 announcements. Deputy Reedy joined Deputy Conti's search team at this location. Deputies Reedy, Ingreso and Vasquez' duties were to provide cover for the K-9 handler, Deputy Conti. They worked their way from east to west in the back yard. K-9 Remco was searching the west side yard of the location, when the deputies heard screaming from that area. Deputy Conti looked down the west side of the rear yard and saw Remco biting Suspect Rahman. Suspect Rahman was standing and was punching Remco. Deputy Conti approached using his flashlight to illuminate Suspect Rahman while giving him verbal commands to stop punching the dog and to stop struggling. Deputies Vasquez and Reedy followed, while Deputy Ingreso maintained a cover position at the corner of the house.

As Suspect Rahman continued to fight with the dog, Deputy Conti could see that he did not have any weapons in his hands. It was at that time, Deputy Conti pushed Suspect Rahman to the ground and pulled his dog off the bite. Deputy Vasquez and Reedy approached Suspect Rahman who was lying on his back. Deputy Vasquez ordered him over to his stomach so he could handcuff him. Suspect Rahman proceeded to get on his hands and knees. Deputy Vasquez ordered him again to get onto his stomach, but Suspect Rahman failed to comply. Deputy Vasquez applied pressure to Suspect Rahman's back to force him to the ground; However, Suspect Rahman maintained his position.

Suspect Rahman attempted to flee by quickly crawling away. He grabbed the wooden perimeter fence and chain link fence and tried to pull himself up. Deputies Vasquez and Reedy struggled with Suspect Rahman's hands trying to pry them from the fence. Suspect Rahman began kicking out the wooden slats to the perimeter fence. Deputy Conti re-engaged his dog on Suspect Rahman to prevent him from fleeing the yard. However, he believed his dog was only biting Suspect Rahman's clothing because the bite was not having any effect. Deputy Ingreso believed Suspect Rahman was going to escape the back yard, so began to run around to the front yard to apprehend Suspect Rahman.

Deputies Reedy and Vasquez were able to get Suspect Rahman off the fence and onto

the ground. They continued to struggle to get control of Suspect Rahman's hands; However, he was slippery due to blood from the earlier dog bite. Deputy Vasquez felt tugging at his MP-5 submachine gun, which was hanging from his left side on a sling. He saw the barrel of the weapon coming up and could see Suspect Rahman had a hand on the gun and was manipulating either the trigger or safety of the weapon. Deputy Vasquez grabbed Suspect Rahman's hand and the fore-grip of the weapon. He rammed the barrel of the gun into the ground. Deputy Vasquez yelled that Suspect Rahman had his gun. At the same time, Deputy Conti was drawing his weapon and trying to gain control of his dog, while Deputy Reedy was moving to the right of Deputy Conti preparing to shoot the suspect. Before Deputy Reedy made contact with Suspect Rahman, Suspect Rahman was able to fire four rounds from Deputy Vasquez' MP-5.

Deputy Reedy in fear for his life and the lives of the other deputies, fired eight rounds from his Beretta semi automatic handgun into the upper torso of Suspect Rahman which caused Suspect Rahman stopped his assault. He was subsequently pronounced dead at the scene by paramedics from the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION:

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the fatal shooting of Dalton Rahman involving Deputy Spencer Reedy. In their Letter of Opinion, dated October 14, 2010, they concluded Deputy Reedy acted lawfully in self-defense and defense of others [Exhibit C].

Involved Personnel

Deputy Spencer Reedy #

Special Enforcement Bureau

Work History

Date of Employment:

Date Assigned to Patrol:

Date Completed Patrol Training:

Date Assigned to SEB:

Prior Shooting Incident(s):

Prior Founded Force Incident(s):

Deputy David Vasquez #

Special Enforcement Bureau

Work History

Date of Employment:

Date Assigned to Patrol:

Date Completed Patrol Training:

January 1998

October 2009

February 1991

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

SH2254709 / FO2276311

Date	Assigned	to SE	B:	
Prior	Shooting	Incide	ent(s):	
Prior	Founded	Force	Incident(s):

December 2006	
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Deputy Richard Conti # Special Enforcement Bureau

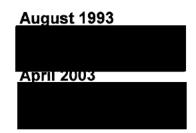
Work History

Date of Employment: Date Assigned to Patrol:

Date Completed Patrol Training:

Date Assigned to SEB: Prior Shooting Incident(s):

Prior Founded Force Incident(s):



Suspects

Dalton Edward Rahman MW/18

DOB: 05-29-91

Deceased: CC# 2009-07585

Witnesses

The following witnesses were interview homicide investigators. A complete summary of their interviews can be found on the indicated pages. Below is a synopsis of those interviews.

Witness

Witness stated he was in his house watching television when he heard the announcements to stay in your house. Later, he said deputies came to his door and asked if anyone was in his yard. They told him they were going to search his yard. He said they brought the dog through and about five minutes later he heard gun shots. He said he heard three shot, a pause then more shots. Refer to pages 4-6 of Witness ranscripts. His interview was summarized on pages 66-67 of [Exhibit B].

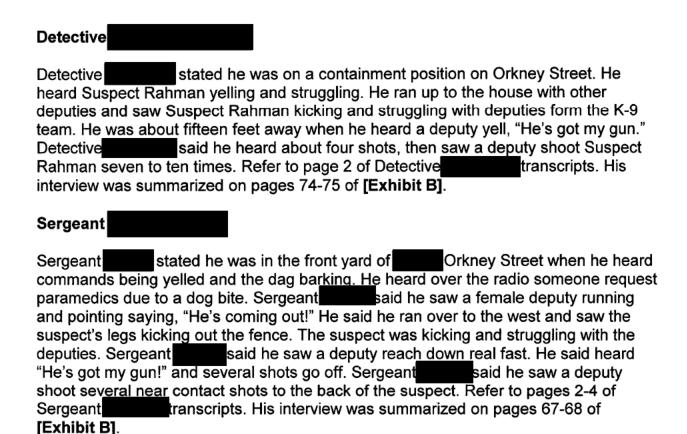
Deputy Davoren

Deputy Davoren stated he staged in the front yard of the location with Sergeant Lee. He heard over the radio the suspect was kicking out the fence. He went over and saw Suspect Rahman trying to come through the fence. Deputy Conti yelled to him not to send in his dog, so he kept his dog on the leash. Deputy Davoren said he was about

five to seven feet away when he heard Deputy Vasquez say, "He's got my gun, he's got my gun."He said he heard two or three rounds, then he heard more rounds and the suspect stopped moving. Refer to pages 3-4 of Deputy Davoren's transcripts. His interview was summarized on pages 58-59 of [Exhibit B].

Sergeant Eric Lee

Sergeant Lee stated he was in the front yard when he heard the dog engaging the suspect. He said he could hear what sounded like Deputy Conti giving commands to his dog. He heard over the radio the suspect was trying to go westbound through the fence. Sergeant Lee said he went to the west side and saw the lower half of the suspect body sticking out the fence. He heard Deputy Vasquez screaming, "He's got my gun, he's got my gun!" Sergeant Lee heard what he believed were three gunshots. Seconds later he heard six to seven gunshots. Sergeant Lee stated he saw Deputy Reedy firing at the suspect. Refer to pages 1-2 of Sergeant Lee's transcripts. His interview was summarized on page 73 of [Exhibit B].



Witness
Witness stated she was the leave for the state of Oregon the following day [November 6, 2009] because Suspect Rahman knew he was wanted by the police. She stated that night [November 5, 2009] they checked into a motel room in Azusa. A who she identified as saw a Sheriff write down the license plate to the car they had been driving. Witness said and her drove to see if it was clear for Suspect Rahman to move the car. She stated they planned on calling him to let him know if it was safe. Before they could call him and let him know that it was not safe, Suspect Rahman had driven off in the car and a chase ensued. Witness said she waited in the Hotel room for Suspect Rahman but he never returned. Refer to pages 3-4 of Witness interview.
Witness stated Suspect Rahman had told her he would "definitely keep runningif he was being chased." She said his strategy was to always run. Refer to page 12 of Witness Homicide interview.
Witness said Suspect Rahman had told her he's "not going to prison." She stated that means "he dies or a police officer dies. He's not gonna go in." Refer to page19 of Witness

Injuries

Suspect Rahman sustained multiple gunshot wounds to his head and back. He had numerous abrasions and lacerations on his body. Refer to pages 97-127 of [Exhibit B].

Physical Evidence

All physical evidence was located and collected by Homicide investigators and Scientific Services Bureau personnel. For descriptions of the evidence collected and where it was collected, see the Homicide Investigation Book [Exhibit A] pages 54-55.

Investigators Observations

The west side yard to Corkney Street was cluttered with miscellaneous yard tools, sports equipment, a motorcycle and other debris. The property was separated by a wooded fence. There was a dog kennel on its side which was made of chain link fencing. There was no ambient light.

The scene was further described in detail by Homicide Detectives Jonas Shipe and Angus Ferguson. Refer to pages 50-53 of **[Exhibit A]** for further.

Weapon used by Deputy Spencer Reedy

Eight (8) rounds fired from a Department authorized "Beretta," 92F, 9mm, semiautomatic handgun. The handgun was examined by Scientific Services and found to be functional. Refer to the Scientific Services report [Exhibit *].

Weapon used by Suspect Dalton Rahman

Four (4) rounds fired from a "Heckler and Koch," Model MP5, 9mm Luger caliber select-fire submachine gun.

Property Damage

There were several wooden fence boards kicked out by Suspect Rahman on the west side of Orkney Street.

Criminal Investigator

Homicide Detectives Kevin Lowe and Margarita Barron

Lighting and Weather Conditions

The scene was illuminated by flashlights mounted on the weapons carried by Deputies Reedy, Vasquez, Conti and Ingreso.

IAB Interviews

Deputy Richard Conti

On November 9, 2010, IAB Investigators Sergeants Victor Allen and Kelly Adler interviewed Deputy Conti at Internal Affairs Bureau. The following is a summary of that interview.

IAB NOTE: At the time of the IAB Interview, Richard Conti held the rank of Sergeant. However, he held the rank of Deputy at the time of this incident. He is referred to as Deputy Conti throughout this summary to maintain consistency with earlier reports.

Deputy Conti stated he arrived on the scene after his team members. He said he was briefed by Deputy Vasquez. He stated the situation met their criteria for deployment of the dog. Deputy Conti said it was decided in their tactical briefing to search using the pinching method. He stated the search was concentrated on the houses on the north side of Orkney Street. The houses back up to a deep wash which created a natural barrier to the north. Refer to the ariel photo [Exhibit H]. Deputy Conti said they started

their search in the cul-de-sac on the west end of the containment and worked east. He stated Deputy Davoren's team started on the east end of the block and worked west.

Deputy Conti stated as they were clearing the yards they would typically search facing north. They maintained radio communication with the other team to avoid cross fires. Refer to pages 4-5 of Deputy Conti's IAB Interview. During the search, Deputy Conti stated his responsibility was to control the dog, recognize his alerts and relay that information to the search team members. As the dog handler, he said he would not carry a long rifle, but only his Beretta handgun. He stated his Beretta had a light mounted on it which he used as his illumination device. Refer to page 6 of Deputy Conti's IAB Interview.

Deputy Conti stated as he searched the house to the west of where Suspect Rahman was eventually located, his dog had given him an indication of an odor on the east side of that property. When he completed the search of that property, Deputy Conti stated he was waiting out front of the last house to be searched. His dog was now indicating a hit on the west side of that property. Deputy Conti said he had the aero unit check the property. He said the aero unit used its spot light and flare [FLIR] to check the property, but they did not see anything. Refer to pages 9-10 of Deputy Conti's IAB Interview.

Deputy Conti stated he made K-9 announcement from the front yard and again at the fence of the property. He said he did this to allow Suspect Rahman an opportunity to surrender. Also, he said it helps get his dog to focus prior to entering the yard. Deputy Conti said he received no indication from anyone in the yard that they wanted to surrender. He said his dog cleared the east side of the property and the back yard. Deputy Conti said they also cleared the area searched by the dog prior to sending the dog to the west side of the property. Refer to pages 11-14 of Deputy Conti's IAB Interview.

Deputy Conti stated his dog went to clear the west side of the property when he heard yelling coming from that area. Deputy Conti stated he looked around the corner and saw Suspect Rahman standing up. Suspect Rahman was punching Deputy Conti's dog as he was being bitten. Deputy Conti said he approached Suspect Rahman while giving him commands to stop hitting the dog and to lie down. He stated his team members were providing cover for him. Deputy Conti said he could see that Suspect Rahman did not have any weapons in his hands, so he moved in to remove the dog from the bite. Refer to pages 14-15 of Deputy Conti's IAB Interview.

Deputy Conti stated Suspect Rahman was not complying with his commands to lie down so he threw Suspect Rahman down to the ground. He said Suspect Rahman was on the ground still struggling with the dog. He removed his dog and directed the search team to take Suspect Rahman into custody. Deputy Conti said Suspect Rahman was laying on his back when Deputies Vasquez, Reedy and Ingreso "swarmed" over him. He said Deputy Vasquez told Suspect Rahman it was over and to turn over to his stomach. Deputy Conti said Suspect Rahman turned over, but "got up all fours." He said Suspect Rahman was trying to "take off." Deputy Vasquez had his weight on Suspect Rahman while Deputy Conti said he kept his dog nearby. Deputy Conti said Suspect Rahman was able to crawl away attempting to climb the fence that separated the property. Deputy Conti said he believed Suspect Rahman was going to get away, so he directed his dog to bite him again. He said he was not sure if his dog bit Suspect Rahman in the buttocks or had hold of only his clothing. Deputy Conti said when they were attempting to pull the suspect off the fence, the suspect began kicking out the fence boards. He said he believed the suspect was "meth'ed out" because he was stronger than them. Refer to pages 16-19 of Deputy Conti's IAB Interview.

Deputy Conti stated he heard Deputy Vasquez yell "he's got my gun!" Deputy Conti said he pulled his dog away and was reaching for his Beretta when shots were fired. Deputy Conti stated Deputy Reedy was to his right and Deputy Vasquez was to his left when the shots were fired.

Deputy David Vasquez

Deputy Vasquez stated he and Deputy Ingreso were providing cover for Deputy Conti, who was the dog handler, during the search. When Deputy Reedy joined their team, he had the same duties. Prior to searching, Deputy Vasquez said they do not designate who will make the arrest of a suspect. He said it determined by where the suspect is located when they encounter him.

During the search he had his Beretta and MP-5 submachine available to him. When he transitions from the MP-5 to the Beretta or had to go hands on with a suspect, he stated he secures the MP-5 by slinging it to his left side. Deputy Vasquez said the gun is secured in place by his left arm or elbow. He said he does not sling it to his back because it is difficult for him to retrieve it if he needs to go back to that weapon. Deputy Vasquez stated he has had training and prior incidents making arrests with his MP-5 slung to his side. Prior to this incident, Deputy Vasquez stated he had not had a problem with someone gaining control of the weapon. Refer to pages 5-8 of Deputy Vasquez' IAB Interview.

Deputy Vasquez said when they searched the last yard he was in the north portion of the yard when he heard the sounds of a struggle and the Suspect Rahman yelling. He said he looked down the west end of the house and saw the dog biting Suspect Rahman on his right arm and Suspect Rahman was punching the dog. Deputy Vasquez said they approached the suspect with Deputy Conti giving him commands to

stop hitting the dog. He said there were a lot of debris and clutter along the side of the house. They approached Suspect Rahman in a group. Refer to pages 10-11 of Deputy Vasquez' IAB Interview.

Deputy Vasquez stated he approached Suspect Rahman when he was laying on his back. He said he did not see how Suspect Rahman ended up on the ground. Deputy Vasquez said he approached Suspect Rahman who was looking up at the stars. Deputy Vasquez stated he told Suspect Rahman it was over and to roll over on his stomach. He said he told Suspect Rahman to put his hands behind his back. Deputy Vasquez said Suspect Rahman rolled over but got up on his hands and knees.

It was at that time, Deputy Vasquez said he was in a position to go "hands on." He said he made his weapon safe and swung it to the left side of his body. Deputy Vasquez said he went down on his right knee, grabbed Suspect Rahman's left arm, and placed his right hand in the small of Suspect's Rahman's back. He said he repeated his order to Suspect Rahman to "lay down. It's over with." Deputy Vasquez said he gently applied pressure to the small of Suspect Rahman's back to force him down. He said he realized Suspect Rahman was not complying.

Deputy Vasquez stated he believed he repeated his order when suddenly Suspect Rahman burst forward. He said Suspect Rahman was crawling forward and he noticed a significant amount of blood on Suspect Rahman's arm which made Suspect Rahman slippery. Deputy Vasquez said he was now trying to collapse Suspect Rahman's body by applying pressure to his back and rip his arm out from under him. He said Suspect Rahman reached out and grabbed the chain link fence. Deputy Vasquez said Deputy Conti told Suspect Rahman to start complying or he would put the dog back on him, but they received no response from the suspect. Refer to page 13 of Deputy Vasquez' IAB Interview.

Deputy Vasquez said Suspect Rahman was able to crawl forward, grab the fence and start pulling himself up. He said there was no light other than the occasional light from a flashlight that was mounted on one of guns. Deputy Vasquez said he was trying to pry Suspect Rahman's hand off the fence and force him back onto the ground. He said the dog was released on Suspect Rahman a second time but only had his pants, which made the dog bite ineffective. Deputy Vasquez said he could hear someone kicking out the wooden fence. He said he could see Suspect Rahman getting his feet out of the fence. Deputy Vasquez said he yelled to Sergeant Lee to come up and pull Suspect Rahman out through the fence into the front yard. At the same time, Deputy Vasquez said they were able to pull Suspect Rahman off the fence back into the rear yard.

Deputy Vasquez said he was now face to face with Suspect Rahman. He said he now had light coming through the broken fence. It was at that time he said he could see the barrel of his gun raising. Deputy Vasquez stated the barrel of his gun was now in an upward angle. He said he could see Suspect Rahman had grabbed the grip of his gun and was manipulating the trigger or safety of the weapon. Deputy Vasquez said he

placed his right hand over Suspect Rahman's hand. He said he grabbed the fore-grip of the weapon and forced the barrel of the gun into the dirt. Deputy Vasquez said he believed he yelled twice, "He's got my gun! He's got my gun!" As he buried the gun into the ground, Deputy Vasquez said he heard two distinctive two-round bursts. He then heard four to six rounds from a deputy engaging Suspect Rahman. Refer to pages 14-20 of Deputy Vasquez' IAB Interview. After the shooting, Deputy Vasquez stated they all backed off. He was able to re-secure his weapon on the sling and made his weapon safe. Refer to page 6 of Deputy Vasquez' Homicide Interview.

Deputy Spencer Reedy

Deputy Reedy stated he joined the search team with Deputies Conti, Vasquez and Ingreso at the last house to be searched. His job was to provide cover for Deputy Conti who was the dog handler. As they searched the back yard, Deputy Reedy said he heard the sounds of a struggle. He was in the south west portion of the backyard. Deputy Reedy said he looked around the corner of the house and saw the K-9 biting Suspect Rahman in the forearm. Suspect Rahman was standing up and spinning around while the dog was biting him. Refer to pages 11-13 of Deputy Reedy's IAB Interview.

Deputy Reedy stated he approached Suspect Rahman along with Deputies Conti and Vasquez. He said he believed Deputy Conti was in the lead. Deputy Reedy stated Deputy Conti was giving the suspect commands to stop hitting his dog and to get on the ground. Suspect Rahman failed to comply with those commands. Deputy Reedy said he believed Deputy Conti pushed Suspect Rahman down to the ground on his knees. Deputy Conti removed his dog from the bite.

Deputy Reedy said he was standing on one side Suspect Rahman and Deputy Vasquez was on the other side of him. They were giving Suspect Rahman commands to lie down. Deputy Reedy said Suspect Rahman failed to comply with the commands so he pushed Suspect Rahman down. He said Suspect Rahman was now on his hands and knees with his elbows locked out. Refer to page 14 of Deputy Reedy's IAB Interview.

Deputy Reedy said he and Deputy Vasquez are applying pressure to Suspect Rahman's back trying to get him down to the ground. They are telling him to give up. Deputy Reedy said Suspect Rahman started crawling between the chain link and wooden fences. Suspect Rahman reached up and grabbed the chain link fence and wooden exterior fence. Deputy Reedy said Suspect Rahman began wiggling and kicking his feet. He began to climb up the chain link fence. Deputy Reedy said he and Deputy Vasquez were trying to pull Suspect Rahman out from between the fences and hold him down. Refer to page 18 of Deputy Reedy's IAB Interview.

Deputy Reedy stated he began to try and pry Suspect Rahman's fingers off the chain link fence. As his hand would come off the fence, Suspect Rahman would grab it again.

Suspect Rahman kicked out some of the boards to the wooden fence. Deputy Reedy said he believed Suspect Rahman was going to escape through the fence. Deputy Reedy stated the K-9 was redeployed on Suspect Rahman; However, he believed the dog was only biting his clothing. Deputy Reedy Stated because of the confined space, he had to back out. He said he was on the radio telling Deputy Davoren and Sergeant Lee to come around to get the Suspect Rahman if he made it out of the yard. It was at that time Deputy Reedy said he heard Deputy Vasquez yell, "He's got my gun, he's got my gun!"

Deputy Reedy said he immediately thought Suspect Rahman had Deputy Vasquez' machine gun. He said he drew his handgun. Deputy Reedy said he moved to the right and was preparing to shoot. He said he feared somebody was going to be shot or killed. Deputy Reedy said he heard a round go off. He said placed his hand on Deputy Conti's shoulder to let him know where he was positioned to keep him from getting in front of his gun. He reached over him and fired, what he believed to be four rounds, in a downward direction and to the middle and right side of Suspect Rahman. Deputy Reedy said he did this so Deputy Vasquez, who was to Suspect Rahman's left side, and the people in front would not be in the line of fire. Deputy Reedy said he was about two and half feet away from Suspect Rahman at the time of the shooting. Refer to pages 20-23 of Deputy Reedy's IAB Interview.

Deputy Reedy stated he was standing near the evidence makers four and five as depicted in the photo **[Exhibit D]** at the time of the shooting. Deputy Conti was to his left and Deputy Vasquez was near the pole of the chain link fence and the number eight evidence marker. Refer to pages 21-23 of Deputy Reedy's transcripts.

IAB NOTE: Deputy Reedy's Homicide interview was conducted as a videotaped walk through of the scene. Refer to the video [Exhibit F] for further.

Deputy Romero Ingreso

IAB NOTE: At the time of the IAB Interview, Romero Ingreso held the rank of Sergeant. However, he held the rank of Deputy at the time of this incident. He is referred to as Deputy Ingreso throughout this summary to maintain consistency with earlier reports.

Deputy Ingreso stated he was providing security for Deputy Conti, who was the K-9 handler in the search. He said Remco had cleared the rear yard and was now searching the west side yard. He heard the sounds of a struggled and "pied" the corner of the house and looked down. He saw Remco biting the suspect. Deputy Ingreso said he held the suspect at gun point while the other members of the team approach him. Once the team member made contact with the suspect, Deputy Ingreso said his focus changed to the area they just cleared. At one point, Deputy Ingreso said he saw the

deputies putting their hands on the suspect, but he could not see exactly what was occurring. He said he heard someone say, "He's gonna get through the fence into the front yard." Deputy Ingreso said he ran around to the front to try and intercept the suspect. Deputy Ingreso said he heard someone yell, "He's got my gun" when he was in the front yard. Refer to pages 9-15 of Deputy Ingreso's IAB Interview. He said he ran over to the fence to check on the welfare of the deputies in the yard.

Miscellaneous

IAB Sergeant Ben Garcia checked to see that the Watch Commander, Lieutenant Cummins took reasonable steps to ensure that the involved parties and witnesses did not discuss the incident among themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators, as well as the involved parties and witnesses personnel did not collectively consult with their attorney or representative. In addition, IAB Sergeant Garcia checked to see if the watch commander attempted to have the involved parties and witness personnel gather in the company of a supervisor until they have provided a statement to the assigned investigators.